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AMENDMENT

PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c))

Dear Sir:

The Office Action made final and mailed April 28, 2006, established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. Applicants submit this Amendment and Response herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and filed concurrently with Request for Continued Examination.

In view of the following remarks and arguments provided herein, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment believed necessary to bring prosecution to a speedy conclusion and to deal justly by Applicants and the public. Applicants believe the Amendment provided herewith defines their invention in claims that will give them patent protection to which they are justly entitled. This Amendment does not require an additional search on the part of the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and request allowance of claims pending in their Application.

In response to the Office Action, please reconsider the above-identified Application as provided in:

Amendments to the Claims that begin on page 3;

Remarks that begin on page 6; and

Conclusion that begins on page 12 of this paper.